

SCS HCS HB 272 -- ALZHEIMER'S STATE PLAN TASK FORCE

This bill establishes the Alzheimer's State Plan Task Force within the Department of Health and Senior Services. The 19-member task force is required to:

- (1) Assess the current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia on Missouri residents;
- (2) Examine existing services and resources for individuals with dementia, their families, and caregivers;
- (3) Develop recommendations regarding increased instances of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia;
- (4) Gather public input;
- (5) Submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by November 15, 2010; and
- (6) Meet at least once annually to evaluate the implementation and impact of the task force's recommendations and provide annual supplemental reports to the Governor and General Assembly.

When conducting the assessment and making recommendations, the task force is required to examine state trends in Alzheimer's and related dementia populations and their needs; the existing services, resources, state support for research, and capacity of public safety and law enforcement to respond to individuals with Alzheimer's and related dementia; and necessary state policies or responses and strategies to address any identified gaps in services.

The provisions of the bill will expire November 1, 2012.